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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM V: APRIL 14 PREPCOM MEETING

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1. AT APRIL 14 PREPCOM PLENARY MEETING, THERE WAS FURTHER DISCUSSION OF UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI) PROGRAM OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES RELATING TO SSOD (SEE PARAS 4, 5, AND 6 OF REFTEL). IT WAS AGREED THAT PREPCOM WOULD SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPORT FOR OPI PLANS, WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMMENTS OF PREPCOM MEMBERS MADE AT PREVIOUS MEETING BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PREPCOM RECOMMENDATION WAS FOR ONLY THE OPI PROGRAM AS SUCH WITH THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY ACABQ AND BY FIFTH COMMITTEE.

2. PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF PREPCOM DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, WAS MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SSOD PREPARATIONS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTS VIEWS SUBMITTED
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TO SYG, ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM AND SECRETARIAT STUDIES REQUESTED BY PREPCOM, BE INCLUDED AS ANNEX TO PREPCOM REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT THIS TOTALED ABOUT 2000 PAGES WITH ADDITION OF COST FOR TRANSLATION INTO ARABIC, AN OFFICIAL GA LANGUAGE, TOTAL COST COULD BE 220,000 DOLLARS. SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE

TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COVER COST OF ANNEX SINCE SOME OR ALL COULD POSSIBLY BE REALLOCATED FROM EXISTING FUNDS.

3. PREPCOM PRESIDENT PRESSED FOR FAVORABLE DECISION AT APRIL 23 MEETING, NOTING THAT NEARLY 100 UN MEMBERS NOT MEMBERS OF PREPCOM NEEDED TO HAVE FULL DOCUMENTATION. MEXICAN REP ARGUED THAT EVEN IF FULL COST OF ANNEX HAD TO BE COVERED BY ADDITIONAL FUNDING, IT WOULD REPRESENT ONLY 18 SECONDS OF CURRENT WORLD ANNUAL SPENDING ON ARMAMENTS. MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING CANADA AND FRG STRONGLY SUPPORTED MEXICAN PROPOSAL. (UKDEL PRIVATELY INFORMED USDEL THAT IT WOULD NOT OPPOSE MEXICAN PROPOSAL.) FRENCH DEL SAID FAVORABLE DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT TODAY'S MEETING. USDEL SAID FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS HAD ONLY JUST BEEN PRESENTED TO PREPCOM AND REQUESTED THAT DECISION BE POSTPONED. PREPCOM CHAIRMAN SAID IN LIGHT OF US REQUEST, DECISION WILL BE PUT OFF UNTIL PREPCOM MEETING APRIL 17, 3:00 P.M.

4. AT PRESENT IT APPEARS THAT NO OTHER DELEGATION -S LIKELY TO OPPOSE FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION ON MEXICAN PROPOSAL AND IF US OPPOSES PROPOSAL, IT WILL BE FIRST BREAK IN CONSENSUS PREPCOM PROCEDURE, ON AN ISSUE WHERE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHERS WILL PROBABLY ACCUSE US OF OPPOSING PREPARATION OF FULL DOCUMENTATION FOR CON-
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SIDERATION BY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN SSOD.

5. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, US DELEGATION WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THE TIME IT INDICATES ITS SUPPORT FOR CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSAL.

"MY DELEGATION DOES NOT CONSIDER THE EXPENDITURE WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUBLISH THIS COMPILATION AN UNFORESEEN AND EMERGENCY EXPENSE UNDER THE TERMS OF GA RESOLUTION 32/214. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THIS EXPENSE SHOULD BE ABSORBED WITHIN RESOURCES PROVIDED THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE CURRENT BIENNIUM. WE ALSO NOTE THE TIMING OF THIS DECISION WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULTY ABSORPTION BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THIS EXPENDITURE, BECAUSE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LET AN EXTERNAL PRINTING CONTRACT, RESULTING IN A HITHERTO UNPLANNED AND UNBUDGETED CASH EXPENDITURE."
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